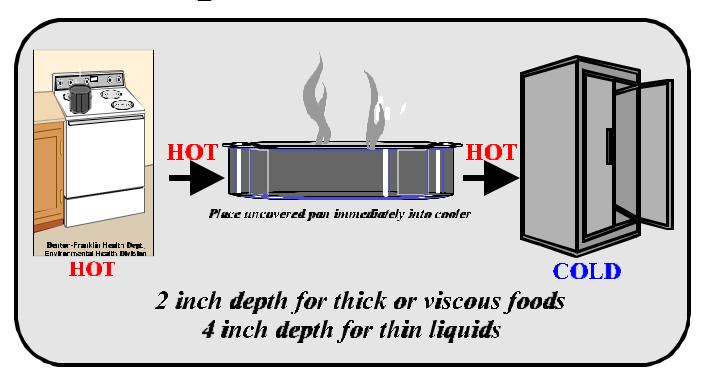
## Cooling In A Shallow Pan



## To cool foods in a shallow pan follow these steps:

- 1. Remove food from heat source. Place food into a shallow pan, with the appropriate maximum food depth:
  - 2 inch depth for thick or viscous foods (i.e. gravies, chowders, fried rice, refried beans and other solid foods); or
  - 4 inch depth for thin liquids (i.e. broths).
- 2. Place the uncovered, shallow pan on the top shelf (or away from other foods) of a refrigeration unit with cooling capability, to protect from cross-contamination.
- 3. Leave the pan uncovered during the cooling process.
- 4. Use a metal stem thermometer to monitor the temperature of the food.
- 5. Once the hot food is cooled to 45°F or below, cover the pan with either a tightly fitting cover, plastic wrap or aluminum foil.

Hot food must be cooled to 45°F or below as quickly as possible.